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MY NAME IS TED STARK! I'M A REPORTER ON THE GLOBE! I'D LIKE TO TELL YOU ABOUT A GROUP OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS WHO DON'T USUALLY GET MUCH PUBLICITY, BUT WHO ARE ALWAYS ON THE ALERT IN A MIGHTY TOUGH JOB! IT GAVE ME A LOT OF SATISFACTION WRITING UP THIS STORY FOR MY PAPER! IT IS THE DUTY OF THE CUSTOMS AGENTS TO PROTECT US AGAINST THE SMUGGLERS WHO TRY TO BRING IN NARCOTICS THAT UNDERMINE AMERICAN HEALTH AND SWELL THE PURSES OF THE UNDERWORLD! CUSTOMS OFFICIALS HAVE A SAYING WHICH GUIDES THEM IN THEIR WORK!

THEY SHALL NOT PASS

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY, HER TORCH RAISED HIGH, HAS BEEN A BEACON OF FREEDOM TO MANY GENERATIONS WHO HAVE COME TO OUR SHORES SEEKING THE PEACEFUL HAVEN OF DEMOCRACY...

BUT TO SOME, IT HAS MEANT SOMETHING ELSE, SOMETHING DIRTY AND ROTTEN...THE CHANCE TO CLEAN UP AND MAKE A MILLION FAST BUCKS BY SMUGGLING... DOPE!

AND AGAINST THESE, PROTECTING OUR SHORES, HAS BEEN ONE STRONG ARM OF THE LAW...THE U.S. CUSTOMS BUREAU AND ITS AGENTS!

WITH THE INCREASE IN REGULAR PASSENGER SERVICE BETWEEN AMERICA AND EUROPE, THE WORK OF THE BUREAU WAS INTENSIFIED! THIS HAPPENED ON APRIL 7, 1950...
HELLO, MR. CARTER! WILL YOU STEP THIS WAY, PLEASE?
HUH? WHY? MY LUGGAGE IS CLEAR!
YES, SIR! THIS IS JUST ROUTINE! THIS WAY, PLEASE!
THIS IS AN INSULT! I'LL WRITE MY CONGRESSMAN!
YOU CAN WRITE HIM FROM SING SING... AFTER WE GET THROUGH WITH YOU!
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MY BRIEF CASE?
RRRIPP!
THERE'S NOTHING IN HERE!
OF COURSE NOT! IF YOU THINK I'M SMUGGLING STUFF IN, YOU'RE CRAZY!
WE'RE WISE TO YOU, CARTER! THESE ARE NOT PLEASURE CRUISES YOU TAKE! NOW... TAKE OUT YOUR TEETH!
WHAT?
YOU HEARD ME! YOUR TEETH! TAKE THEM OUT! I SEE YOU GOT A NEW BRIDGEWORK JOB WHILE YOU WERE IN EUROPE! OUT WITH THEM, CARTER!
I WON'T! LEGGO!
YOU LET GO-WHILE I SEE WHAT YOU'VE GOT IN YOUR MOUTH BESIDES TEETH!
THERE IT IS, JIM... NEATLY TUCKED AWAY BETWEEN HIS FALSE TEETH AND HIS GUMS... AT LEAST $50,000 WORTH OF HEROIN!
WELL, THAT CLEANS CARTER UP, PAUL!
I DON'T THINK SO! THERE'S BIG MONEY BEHIND HIM, JIM, AND THEY'LL STOP AT NOTHING TO BEAT US!
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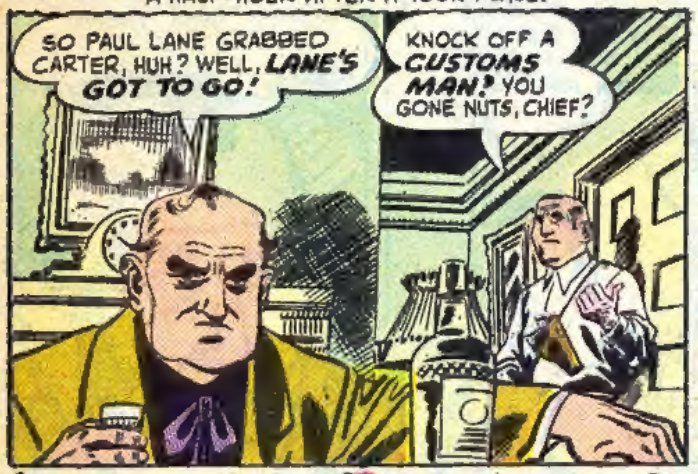
YES, THERE WAS BIG MONEY BEHIND CARTER...AND A BIG MAN, TOO! HE WAS BLACKIE NEAL, KINGPIN OF THE NARCOTICS RACKET IN NEW YORK STATE! HE HEARD ABOUT THE ARREST OF CARTER A HALF-HOUR AFTER IT TOOK PLACE!



SO HARDGUY MILLER, TRIGGER MAN FOR BLACKIE NEAL, WAS GIVEN THE SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT!

BLACKIE GOT ON THE TRANSATLANTIC PHONE TO FRANCE...

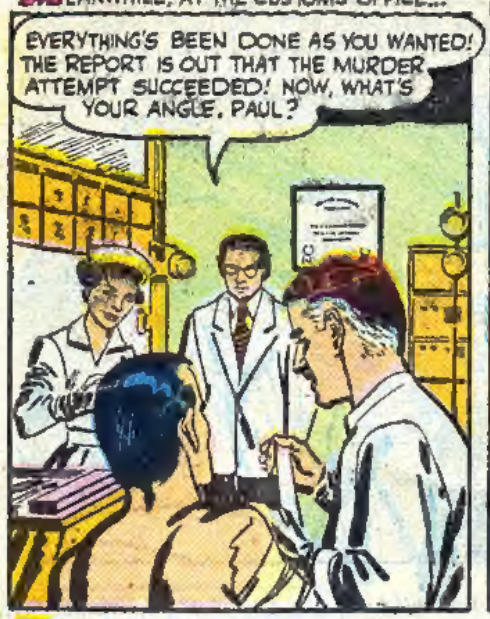
HIS CONTACT NOW WAS "COUNT" ALVEREZZI, THE SLICKEST SMUGGLER OF THEM ALL...

AT THAT VERY MOMENT, THREE SHOTS RANG OUT IN A SUBURBAN LAWN AS HARDGUY FOLLOWED HIS BOSS'S ORDERS!

AND A LITTLE LATER...

NICE WORK, HARDGUY! IT JUST CAME IN ON THE RADIO! YA PLUGGED HIM NEAT, AND HE'S DEAD! NOW WATCH THE COUNT COME TO TOWN...RIGHT PAST THE NOSES OF THE CUSTOMS BULLS!

MEANWHILE, AT THE CUSTOMS OFFICE...

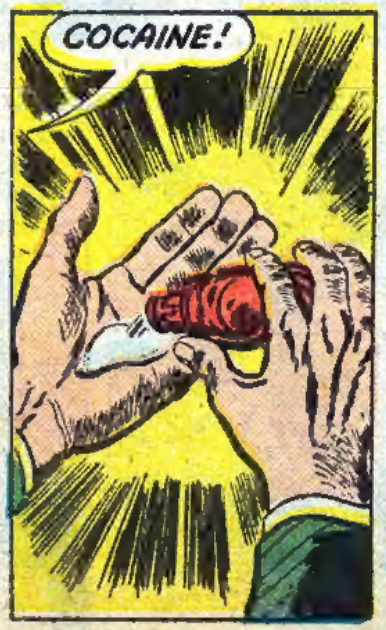


IN THE FIRST PLACE, I SPOTTED HARDGUY WAITING FOR ME! AND DROPPED BEFORE HE FIRED THE FIRST SHOT! HE GOT ME IN THE SHOULDER! HARDGUY'S BLACKIE NEAL'S KILLER...THAT MEANS BLACKIE'S "MISTER BIG" IN THIS DEAL!

THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE F.B.I. WAS ALSO IN THE PICTURE OF THE BIG BREAKDOWN OF BLACKIE NEAL'S RACKET! PAUL LANE REMAINED HIDDEN, A "DEAD MAN" AS FAR AS THE REST OF THE WORLD WAS CONCERNED...

I'M ROBINSON...F.B.I. CHECKING THE CREW'S BELONGINGS!
OKAY! BUT IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR NARCOTICS, MY MEN ARE ALL CLEAN! I DON'T SHIP SMUGGLERS!

YOU DON'T, BUT BLACKIE NEAL DOES! OPEN UP, FELLA!
THEY'RE JUST SOUVENIRS...AFRICAN STATUES, THAT'S ALL!
MAYBE... BUT WHAT'S INSIDE THEM?



HEROIN, DEADLIEST OF THE DRUGS, AND COSTLIEST!

MEANWHILE, AT BLACKIE'S HIDEOUT...
SO THEY PICKED UP SPIKE AND CONNORS, TOO, HUH? THAT'S GOOD! I GOT A WHOLE RAFT OF SMALL-TIME SMUGGLERS COMIN' IN... JUST TO KEEP THE COPS BUSY ENOUGH TO SKIP THE REAL BIG HAUL! SMART, HUH?
YOU BET, BLACKIE!
AND AT THE CUSTOMS OFFICE...
WELL?
I DON'T LIKE IT, CHIEF! WE'RE NAILING TOO MANY OF THEM... AND NONE WITH ANYTHING BIG! I SMELL A RAT... NAMED BLACKIE NEAL!
HERE'S WHAT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR, PAUL! THE COUNT IS DUE IN TONIGHT ON THE S.S. MOONLIGHT!
WE HAD HIS STUFF DOUBLE-CHECKED AT LE HAVRE, AND AGENTS HAVE GONE THROUGH HIS STUFF ON THE SHIP! THEY FOUND NOTHING!
STILL IF ANYONE'S BRINGING ANYTHING BIG IN, HE'S THE ONE!
LATER AT THE DOCK...
SATISFIED?
WE'LL HAVE TO SEARCH YOU PERSONALLY! STEP INTO THE OFFICE, PLEASE!
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BUT NOTHING WAS FOUND ON THE SHREWD OPERATOR AND HE WAS RELEASED...
GUESS YOU WERE WRONG, PAUL!
I DON'T THINK SO! STICK WITH HIM, JOE!
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STILL LATER, AT BLACKIE'S HANGOUT...
YA MADE IT OKAY, HUH, COUNT? I KNEW YA WOULD! EVERYTHING'S GONNA BE REAL SMOOTH NOW, WITH THAT PAUL LANE OUTTA THE WAY!
YEAH! I READ ABOUT THAT, BLACKIE! THOSE CUSTOMS COPS ARE TOUGH, BUT HE WAS THE TOUGHEST! I'D NEVER HAVE MADE IT THROUGH IF HE WAS ALIVE!
OKAY, YA GOT THE STUFF? HAND IT OVER!
SURE, BLACKIE!
WHAT THE...! ON YER HEAD! YA WEAR A WIG!
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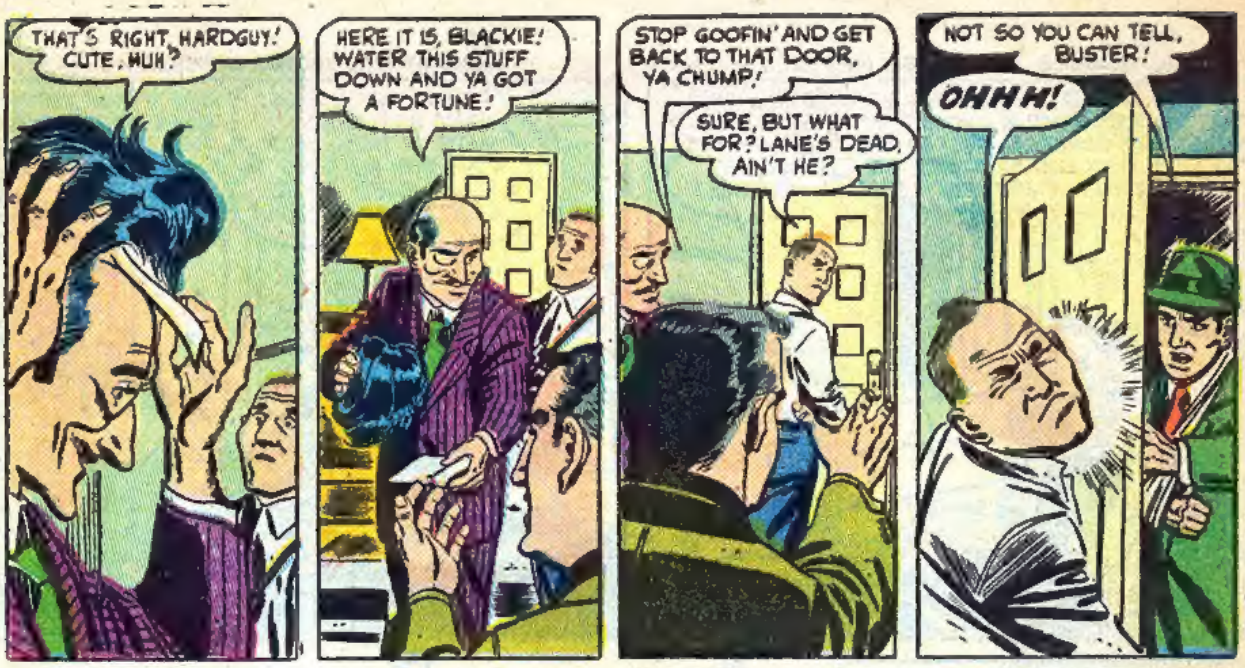
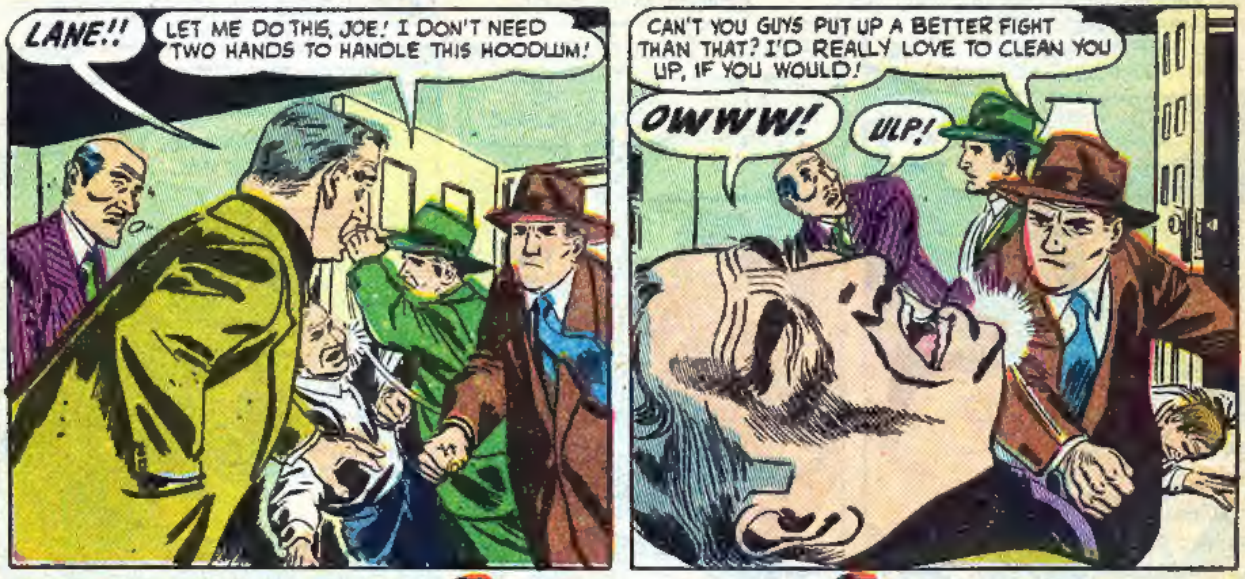
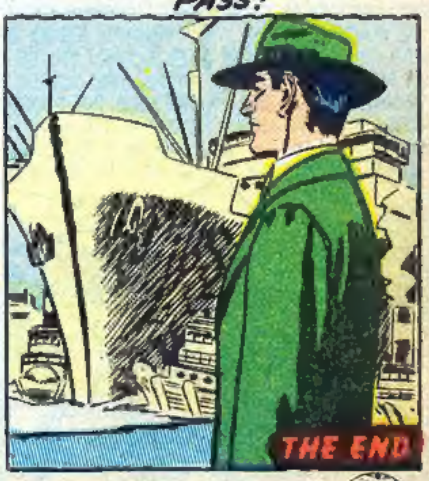

THAT'S RIGHT, HARDGUY! CUTE, HUH?
HERE IT IS, BLACKIE! WATER THIS STUFF DOWN AND YA GOT A FORTUNE!
STOP GOOFIN' AND GET BACK TO THAT DOOR, YA CHUMP!
SURE, BUT WHAT FOR? LANE'S DEAD, AIN'T HE?
NOT SO YOU CAN TELL, BUSTER!
OHHH!


LANE!!
LET ME DO THIS, JOE! I DON'T NEED TWO HANDS TO HANDLE THIS HOODLUM!
CAN'T YOU GUYS PUT UP A BETTER FIGHT THAN THAT? I'D REALLY LOVE TO CLEAN YOU UP, IF YOU WOULD!
OWWW!
ULP!

BLACKIE NEAL AND HIS GANG, AS CHRONIC OFFENDERS, RECEIVED LIFE SENTENCES AND WERE PUT OUT OF CIRCULATION FOR GOOD!

AGENT PAUL LANE? HE'S STILL ON THE JOB...STILL STICKING TO THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE OF THE CUSTOMS BUREAU... *THEY SHALL NOT PASS!*



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NO WAY OUT

BUT BEFORE THE BLOW COULD FALL, ONE OF THE GUARDS HAD SEIZED THE INFURIATED CONVICT FROM BEHIND.

EXCEPT MAYBE A STRETCH IN SOLITARY! I'M TAKING YOU TO THE WARDEN, AND HE'S GETTING A FULL REPORT! IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR TROUBLE, YOU'LL GET IT!
THAT'S RIGHT, COPPER! I *ALWAYS* GET WHAT I WANT... TROUBLE OR *ANYTHING* ELSE!

Moments later, the convict was brought before Warden Richard Goetz, and the guard told his story...

...and it's been the same thing since he got here, sir! If he isn't starting a fight, he's looking for one! It's been trouble *all* the time!

All right, Johnson, you may step outside! I'll speak to the prisoner alone!

Alone, sir? Don't you think I'd better..?

It's all right, Johnson! I've handled tougher men than Slugger before! I don't have any trouble with them, and I won't have any trouble with *him!*

But when the guard left the room, a startling thing happened.

It's good seeing you, Colby! I've been worried!

Thank you, Warden... But you needn't be!

Here you are, a top *detective*, working as an undercover man, pretending to be a convict running the greatest risk a man could take, and you say I shouldn't worry!

Well, Warden, I mean there's no need to worry about me personally! But I *am* concerned about the progress I've been making!

Yes, convict "Slugger Carlson" was in reality detective Martin Colby... assigned to Channing Prison as an inmate, for the sole purpose of obtaining information on the notorious Farrell gang! His identity was known only to Warden Goetz...not even the guards were aware of his dual role...

I've been here two months now! My cell mate, Flip Torkin was one of Farrell's trusted lieutenants! I've talked his ear off trying to gain his confidence, but he won't say a word about Farrell or his hideout!

But I'm not giving up! I'll just go on being convict "Slugger Carlson" until something gives!

Watch your step! It's a dangerous game you're playing, Colby, and under the circumstances, I can't even give you the protection you deserve!

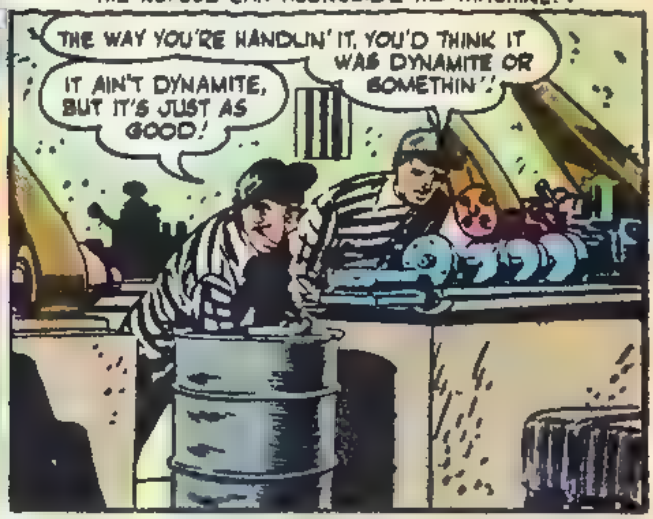
So the masquerading detective was brought back to his cell, where he received warm congratulations from his cell mate, Flip Torkin...

You c'n handle yourself, Slugger! You sure put them guards in their place when they broke up that brawl!

An' I handled the warden just as easy! Put me in *solitary*, I said, an' you'll be invitin' a riot! He let me go with a little lecture on good behavior!

I LIKE YER GUTS, SLUGGER, AN' I'M GONNA LET YA IN ON SOMETHIN'! WALK PAST MY MACHINE IN THE SHOP TOMORROW! I'VE GOT SOMETHIN' TO SHOW YA!
IT'S A DATE!

THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE IMPERSONATING DETECTIVE KEPT HIS APPOINTMENT! WITH THEIR HEADS DOWN LOW, THE SLY, SMILING FLIP REMOVED AN OBJECT WRAPPED IN RAGS FROM THE REFUSE CAN ALONGSIDE HIS MACHINE..

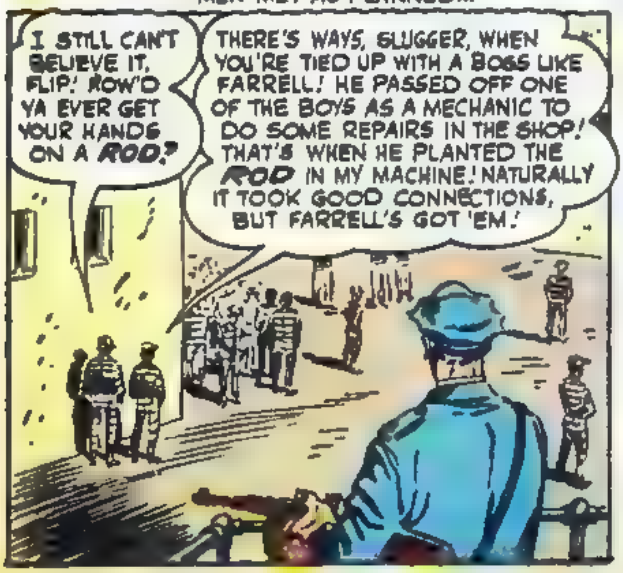


WITH A QUICK MOTION, FLIP PULLED BACK THE COVERING...

WAIT A MINUTE! THE GUARD JOHNSON IS HEADED THIS WAY! GET BACK TO YER MACHINE! I'LL TALK TO YA IN THE YARD!
RIGHT! GET THAT THING BACK IN THE CAN!

YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO LEAVE YOUR MACHINE WITHOUT ASKING PERMISSION! I'M WARNING YOU FOR THE LAST TIME, SLUGGER! STEP OUT OF LINE ONCE MORE, AND I'M GOING TO CRACK DOWN!
THANKS FOR THE TIP! I'LL KEEP IT IN MIND!

DURING THEIR BREAK THE SAME AFTERNOON, THE TWO MEN MET AS PLANNED...


I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT, FLIP! HOW'D YA EVER GET YOUR HANDS ON A ROD?
THERE'S WAYS, SLUGGER, WHEN YOU'RE TIED UP WITH A BOSS LIKE FARRELL! HE PASSED OFF ONE OF THE BOYS AS A MECHANIC TO DO SOME REPAIRS IN THE SHOP! THAT'S WHEN HE PLANTED THE ROD IN MY MACHINE! NATURALLY IT TOOK GOOD CONNECTIONS, BUT FARRELL'S GOT 'EM!

IT SURE LOOKS IT, AN' I'D LIKE NOTHIN' BETTER THAN THE CHANCE TO TIE UP WITH YOU AND THE BOSS!
THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN WATCHIN' YA! I THINK YOU'LL DO, AN' YOU'RE GONNA HAVE A CHANCE TO PROVE IT!

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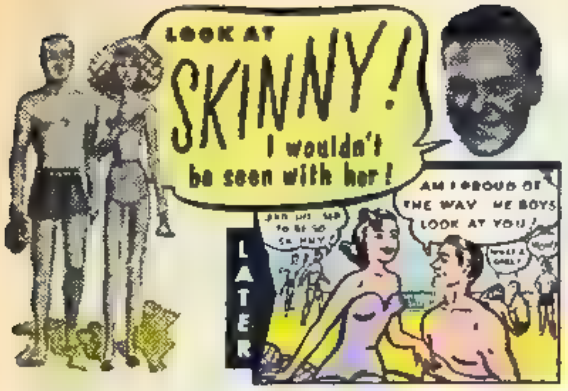

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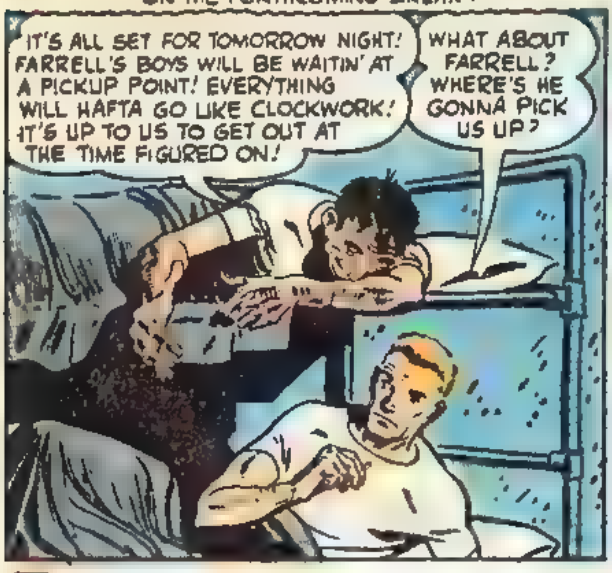
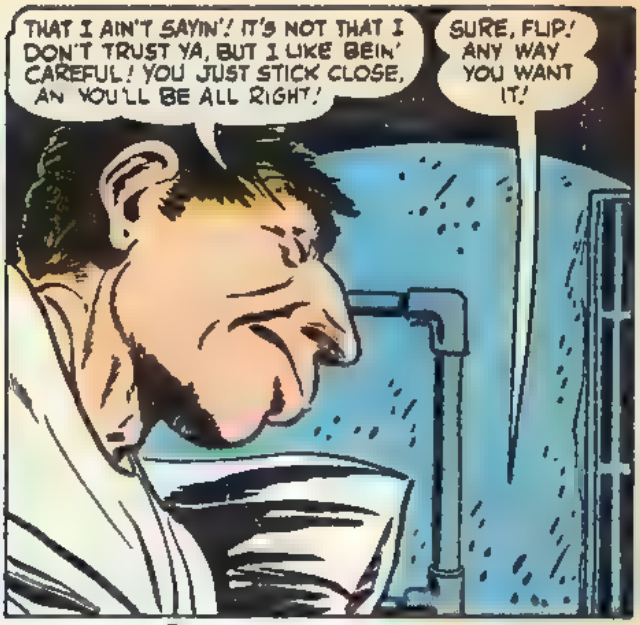
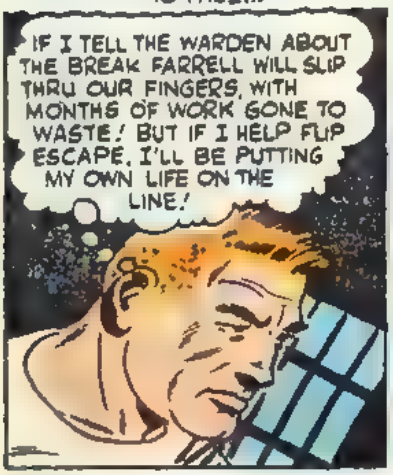
That night, in their cell, Flip went into the details on the forthcoming break.


It's all set for tomorrow night! Farrell's boys will be waitin' at a pickup point! Everything will hafta go like clockwork! It's up to us to get out at the time figured on!
What about Farrell? Where's he gonna pick us up?

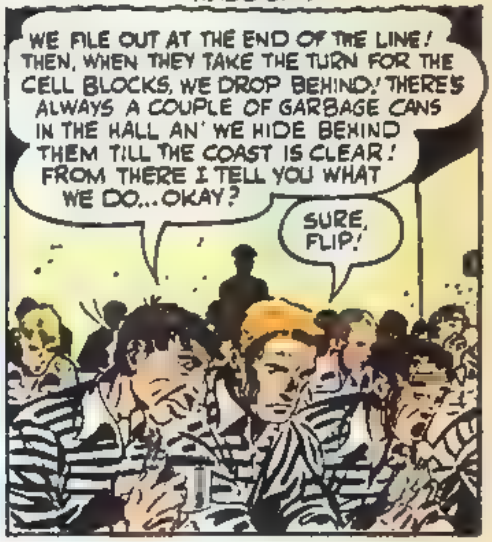

That I ain't sayin'! It's not that I don't trust ya, but I like bein' careful! You just stick close, an you'll be all right!
Sure, Flip! Any way you want it!

That night was a long one for detective Colby, and while his cell mate slept soundly, his own thoughts were taken up with grave decisions he had to face...


If I tell the warden about the break Farrell will slip thru our fingers, with months of work gone to waste! But if I help Flip escape, I'll be putting my own life on the line!

If he told me where the pickup point was, it would be a lot easier! But he's playing it cagey! Meanwhile, there's only the two of us in on the deal, and if anything went wrong he'll know WHO SQUEALED! The big thing is, . WHAT DO I DO?

It was a tough decision, but the following night at mess, his mind was made up.


We file out at the end of the line! Then, when they take the turn for the cell blocks, we drop behind! There's always a couple of garbage cans in the hall an' we hide behind them till the coast is clear! From there I tell you what we do... okay?
Sure, Flip!

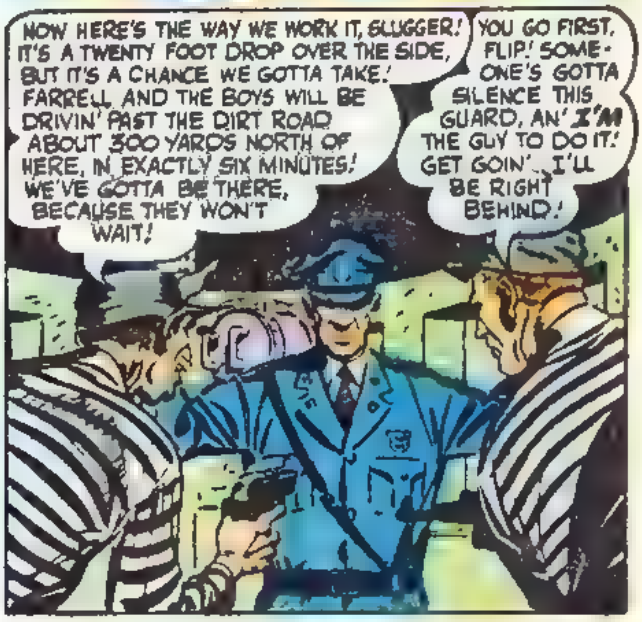
Not long afterward, the sound of tramping feet echoed loudly through the dimly lit corridor...

And when the column of men took the turn for the cell block, two of their number were missing...

CAUTIOUSLY THE PAIR MOVED TOWARD THEIR OBJECTIVE... AND THEIR FIRST OBSTACLE TO OVERCOME WAS THE GUARD STATIONED AT THE BASE OF THE STAIRWAY THAT LED TO THE TOWER...

FLIP MOVED QUICKLY, AND HIS HAND CAME DOWN IN A SWEEPING ARC

IN A BURST OF SPEED, FLIP LED THE WAY UP THE SPIRAL STAIRCASE INTO THE TOWER, HIS SUDDEN ENTRANCE CATCHING GUARD HENRY JOHNSON COMPLETELY OFF BALANCE...

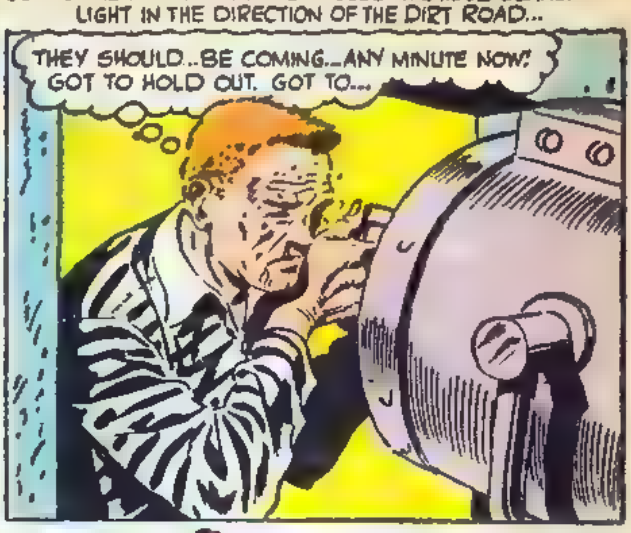

NOW HERE'S THE WAY WE WORK IT, SLUGGER! IT'S A TWENTY FOOT DROP OVER THE SIDE, BUT IT'S A CHANCE WE GOTTA TAKE! FARRELL AND THE BOYS WILL BE DRIVIN' PAST THE DIRT ROAD ABOUT 300 YARDS NORTH OF HERE, IN EXACTLY SIX MINUTES! WE'VE GOTTA BE THERE, BECAUSE THEY WON'T WAIT!
YOU GO FIRST, FLIP! SOMEONE'S GOTTA SILENCE THIS GUARD, AN' I'M THE GUY TO DO IT! GET GOIN'... I'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND!

THEN, THE MOMENT FLIP TORION DISAPPEARED OVER THE SIDE OF THE WALL, THE GRIM-FACED DETECTIVE SPOKE UP...

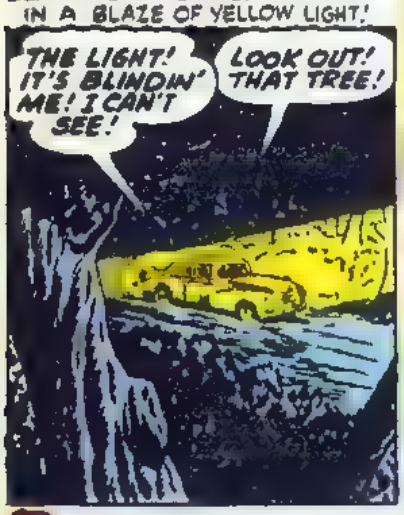
YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE THIS, JOHNSON! I'M NOT THE CONVICT YOU THINK I AM! I'M DETECTIVE MARTIN COLBY ON AN UNDERCOVER ASSIGNMENT!
YEAH?

When Detective Martin Colby performed the toughest assignment any cop could be asked to do .to strike another cop!

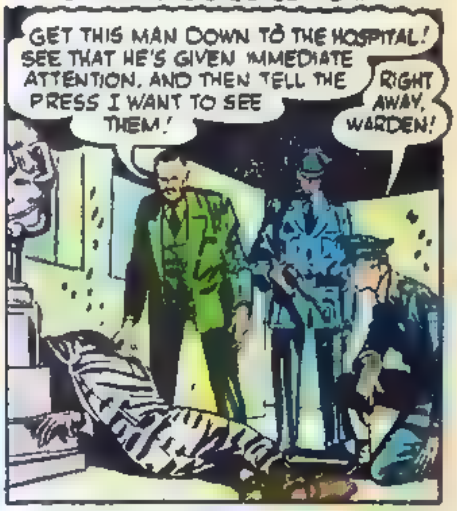
His body weakened by the blows, Detective Colby forced himself into action...weakly, he staggered out to the parapet and swiveled the huge searchlight in the direction of the dirt road...



Soon the muffled roar of a fast approaching car filled the air, but a moment later the broad beam had saturated the car in a blaze of yellow light!



It wasn't long afterward when Warden Goetz arrived at the tower and discovered the unconscious form of the heroic detective ..


GET THIS MAN DOWN TO THE HOSPITAL! SEE THAT HE'S GIVEN IMMEDIATE ATTENTION, AND THEN TELL THE PRESS I WANT TO SEE THEM!
RIGHT AWAY, WARDEN!

By the following morning the story was across the nation! The entire Farrell gang had been apprehended, including Flip Torkin who was picked up not far from the scene of the crash...

I'M SORRY, COLBY. BUT YOUR YARN SOUNDED SO FANTASTIC, I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT!
I DON'T BLAME YOU ANY, JOHNSON! IF I WERE IN YOUR SHOES, I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THE SAME!

The headlines told the story, and time has not dimmed the achievement! To this day, Detective Martin Colby's rare courage has remained a milestone of police detective work at its best...another reason why every citizen owes a debt of thanks to our police officals who put duty before anything else!

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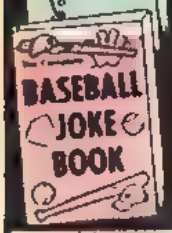

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JOHN REED stepped into the phone booth, dropped the coin in the slot, and dialed headquarters. As he spoke he kept watching the young man in the tan sport jacket who was lounging around near the information desk of Pennsylvania Station.

"Hello, Chief?" he said. "This is Reed. Yeah, I'm keeping an eye on him, and the boys have the exits covered. When his accomplice makes contact we'll close in and nab them both. Okay, chief, I'll keep you posted."

He stepped out of the phone booth and walked straight past the information desk, where the youth stood nervously smoking a cigarette. Reed walked past him to the newsstand right behind the information booth, and bought a *Times*. He went to a bench, sat down, and pretended to be reading the paper while he watched his man.

The man he watched was Tony Farro, a go-between for Benton Knowles, one of the leading fences in the country—dealing in 'hot-ice' of all kinds. They had been tipped off that Knowles was sending his boy to meet the crook who'd pulled the Van Houten jewel robbery. Now they were waiting for him to make an appearance — contacting Farro — and then they would close in.

A Western Union messenger walked up to Farro and handed him a telegram. *Blast it*, thought Reed. *He would use a messenger to make contact.* Now Farro would probably have to go somewhere else to meet the crook. Farro walked away from the information desk, and as he did Reed signaled one of his plainclothesmen to stay put. He would tail Farro himself. The plainclothesman relayed the message down the line.

Farro got into a taxicab, and Reed got into his black sedan to follow. The cab wound in and out through the mid-town traffic, and Reed had a hard time following him. When the cab pulled up, John Reed mumbled under his breath at the cleverness of the thief. They were now at Grand Central Station, and there was no time to get men to cover the exits. He would have to handle this thing completely by himself.

Farro walked directly to the information desk again, looked at his watch and leaned against the desk. In about five seconds two men walked up to him and spoke to him.

Reed loosened his gun in its shoulder-holster and started towards them. Then he got a look at one of the two men who had walked up to Farro. He froze in his tracks, and blinked his eyes. No. It—it just wasn't possible. His hand trembled as he wiped the sweat from his forehead. Bobby, his own kid brother.

What was his own kid brother—the boy he'd left back in his home town, Boston, five years ago—doing here in New York and in this set up? Was he the jewel-thief? It seemed fantastic. Maybe it was the other guy. The three of them started walking out of Grand Central Station. He followed them.

They walked down Eighth Avenue and got into a grey club-coupe. He got into his black sedan and followed them. About fifteen minutes later they pulled up in front of a cheap hotel on 72nd Street. The three of them piled out of the coupe, and Reed, parking across the street, followed them in. He waited until they got into the elevator and then watched the indicator to see what floor they stopped at. It was the 12th floor. He waited until the elevator came down again, took it to one floor above theirs, and walked down one flight. He walked along the corridor listening for voices at each door.

He hadn't thought out clearly what he was going to do about

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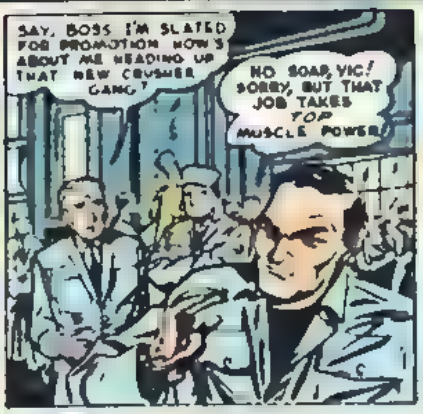
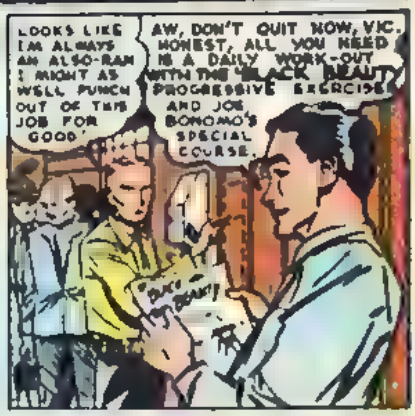

SAY, BOSS I'M SLATED FOR PROMOTION NOW'S ABOUT ME HEADING UP THAT NEW CRUSHER GANG?
NO SOAP, VIC! SORRY, BUT THAT JOB TAKES TOP MUSCLE POWER


LOOKS LIKE I'M ALWAYS AN ALSO-RAN I MIGHT AS WELL PUNCH OUT OF THIS JOB FOR GOOD!
AW, DON'T QUIT NOW, VIC. HONEST, ALL YOU NEED IS A DAILY WORK-OUT WITH THE "BLACK BEAUTY" PROGRESSIVE EXERCISER AND JOE BONOMO'S SPECIAL COURSE.
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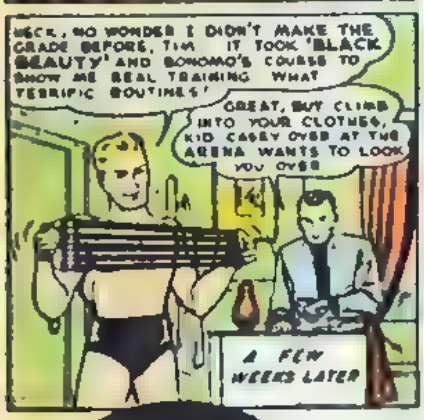
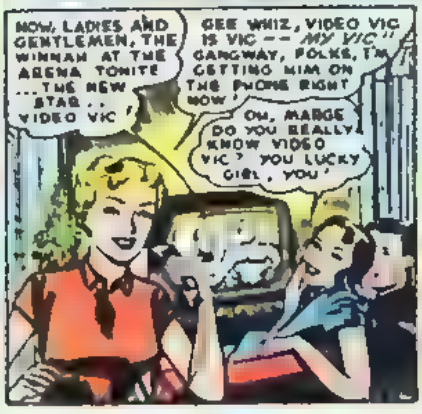
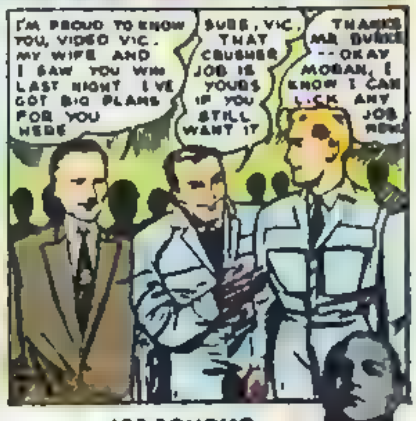

HECK, NO WONDER I DIDN'T MAKE THE GRADE BEFORE, TIM — IT TOOK 'BLACK BEAUTY' AND BONOMO'S COURSE TO SHOW ME REAL TRAINING WHAT TERRIFIC ROUTINES!
GREAT, BUT CLIMB INTO YOUR CLOTHES, KID CASEY OVER AT THE ARENA WANTS TO LOOK YOU OVER
A FEW WEEKS LATER


NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE WINNAH AT THE ARENA TONITE ... THE NEW STAR ... VIDEO VIC!
GEE WHIZ, VIDEO VIC IS VIC — MY VIC" GANGWAY, FOLKS, I'M GETTING HIM ON THE PHONE RIGHT NOW!
OH, MARGE DO YOU REALLY KNOW VIDEO VIC? YOU LUCKY GIRL, YOU!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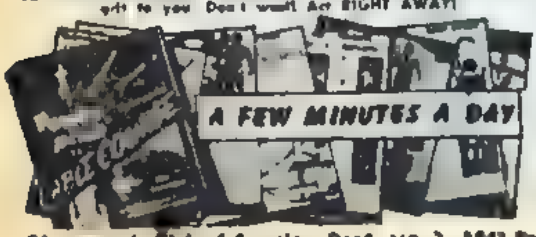

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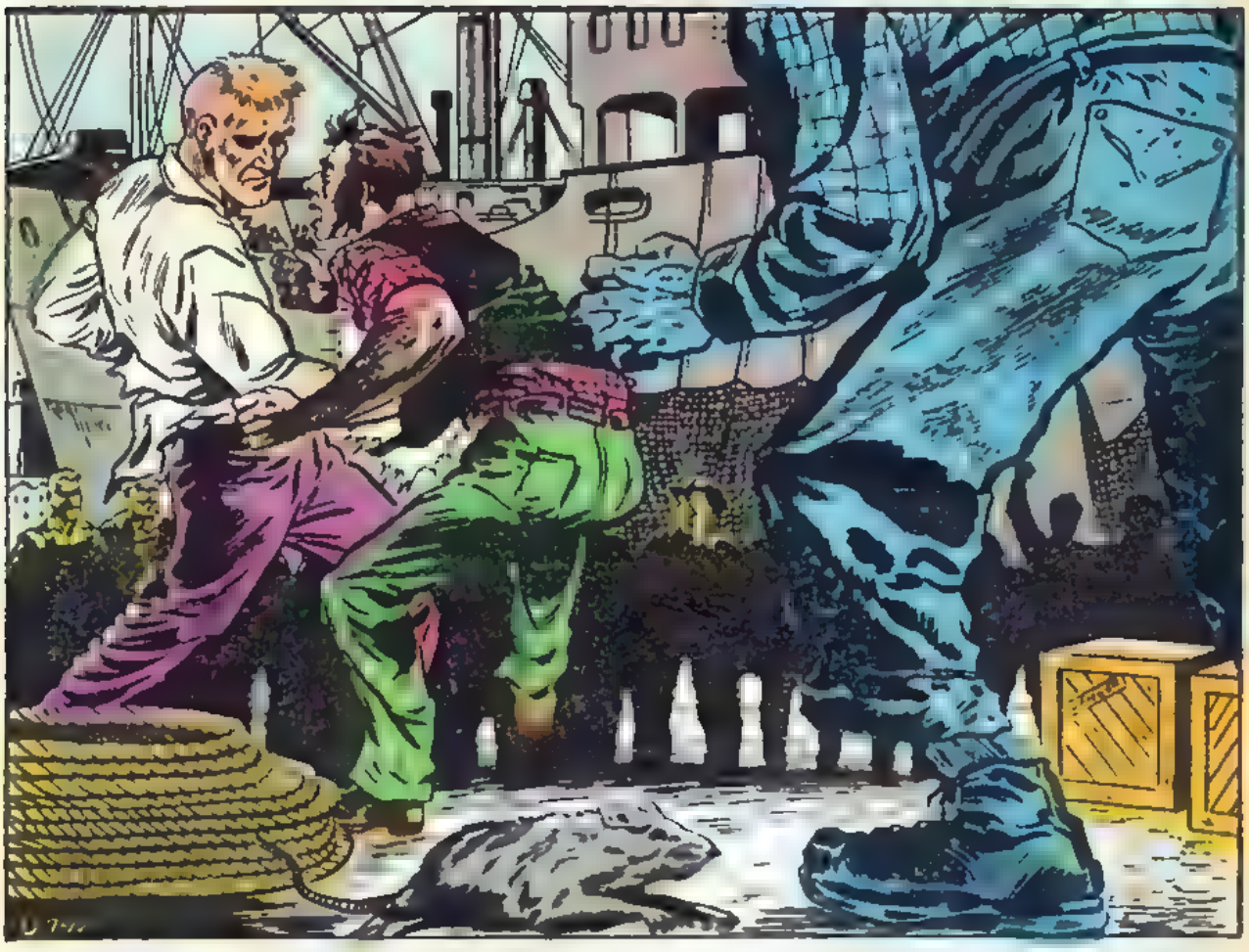
MUSCLE MAN



THIS WAS RAYMOND TRAVERS' FIRST DAY ON DUTY AS THE NEW CHIEF OF POLICE, AND AS A REPORTER ON THE DAILY GLOBE, I FELT THERE WAS A GOOD STORY TO BE WRITTEN HERE...

HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE TOP MAN ON THE POLICE FORCE, CHIEF, AFTER TWENTY YEARS OF BATTLING HOODLUMS AND KILLERS?
I FEEL KINDA PROUD, TED,...AND HUMBLE TOO! AFTER ALL, THERE ARE MANY OTHER DESERVING MEN ON OUR CITY'S POLICE FORCE!
CHIEF

FOR OUR READERS, CHIEF...WHAT INCIDENT IN YOUR POLICE CAREER WOULD YOU SAY LEFT THE BIGGEST IMPRESSION?
THAT'S AN EASY ONE! IT WAS THE DAY I TANGLED WITH BULL ATKINS!

"BULL ATKINS WAS A BIG BRUTE OF A MAN! HE WAS A DOCK WORKER, AND AS TOUGH AS THEY CAME! HE WAS ALWAYS PUSHING SOMEONE AROUND..."
OUTTA THE WAY, LITTLE MAN! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS LOAD!
YOU WEREN'T AT THE HALL FOR THE SHAPEUP TODAY! I WAS PICKED FOR THIS JOB! YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS, BULL!
BUT I AM GETTIN' AWAY WITH IT!
HEY, BOSS... DIDJA SEE THAT?
YEAH, I SAW IT!
"BULL HAD AN AUDIENCE DURING ONE OF HIS BATTLES... A RACKETEER NAMED PATSY CRANDALL..."
KINDA HANDY WITH YOUR FISTS, FELLA! HOW MUCH DO YOU MAKE HUSTLING PACKING CASES?
ENOUGH! BUT I CAN ALWAYS USE MORE! WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?
IN MY "BUSINESS", I GOT CERTAIN CLIENTS WHO ARE SLOW IN PAYING THEIR BILLS... AND I CAN USE A "MUSCLE MAN" TO KINDA CONVINCE 'EM THEY'D BE HEALTHIER PAYING UP! INTERESTED?
YEAH! I LIKE NOTHIN' BETTER THAN USIN' MY FISTS! WHAT'S THE PAY?
THREE HUNDRED A WEEK! ARE YA IN?
THREE C-NOTES A WEEK! I'M IN! YA GOT YOURSELF A "MUSCLE MAN!"
"PATSY CRANDALL'S BUSINESS WAS ONE OF THE MOST VICIOUS TO HIT THE CITY! HE WAS A PROTECTION RACKETEER! I FIRST BECAME AWARE OF HIS ACTIVITIES WHEN I WAS A ROOKIE COP, WALKING MY BEAT IN THE OLDER SECTION OF THE CITY..."
GOOD MORNING, MR. GRANETTI! HOW'S BUSINESS THESE DAYS?
G-GOOD MORNING, OFFICER TRAVERS! ER, BUSINESS IS NOT BAD, BUT I HAVE OTHER PROBLEMS! I...ER...
"I COULD SEE MR. GRANETTI WANTED TO TELL ME SOMETHING URGENT, BUT HE COULDN'T GET THE WORDS OUT! HE WAS SCARED OF SOMETHING... OR SOMEONE..."
WHAT IS IT, MR. GRANETTI? IF YOU'LL TELL ME WHAT'S TROUBLING YOU, MAYBE I CAN HELP YOU!
N-NO, I'M SORRY I BOTHERED YOU! IT-IT IS REALLY NOTHING! I GO BACK TO WORK NOW!
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"THAT WAS THE DAY I KNEW SOMETHING WAS BREWING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, BECAUSE ALL THE GROCERS IN THAT SECTION SEEMED TO SHY AWAY FROM ME WHEN I CAME BY..."

THAT SAME SCARED LOOK ON MR. DONOVAN'S FACE! THEY'RE AFRAID OF SOMETHING... ALL THE GROCERS... BUT WHAT?

"I LEARNED LATER ABOUT THE TROUBLE IN MR. GRANETTI'S STORE! IT HAPPENED SHORTLY AFTER I WENT BY HIS PLACE..."

WE SAW YA TALKIN' TO THE COP FROM ACROSS THE STREET, POP! HAVE YA BEEN SAYIN' THINGS YOU SHOULDN'T?

N-NO! PLEASE... I SAY NOTHING! I PAY YOU NOW AND YOU LEAVE... PLEASE!

WHAT IS THIS? YOU HOODLUMS SHAKING DOWN MY FATHER? WE DON'T NEED ANY PROTECTION, YOU SKUNKS! ***GET OUT!***

"SKUNKS" HE CALLED US! GONNY BOY GOTTA BE TAUGHT A LESSON!

NOBODY CALLS BULL ATKINS NAMES AN' GETS AWAY WITH IT!

OWW!

NO! NO! DON'T HURT HIM! I PAY YOU LIKE YOU ASK! FIFTY DOLLARS EVERY WEEK! ***PLEASE!***

FROM NOW ON YOUR DUES ARE ***DOUBLED!*** A HUNDRED A WEEK ...BEGINNING AS OF ***NOW!*** THAT'S FOR GIVIN' ME TROUBLE!

GOOD WORK, BULL! LET'S COLLECT FROM THE OTHER "MEMBERS" OF THE GROCERS' PROTECTIVE SOCIETY NOW! ***HA! HA!***

"THAT WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF MUSCLE MAN BULL ATKINS' OPERATIONS ON MY BEAT! PATSY CRANDALL WAS NO SMALL-TIME RACKETEER ...AND WHEN HE HAD THE GROCERS SEWED UP TIGHT, HE CONCENTRATED ON THE CLEANERS! SAM HARWOOD WAS THE FIRST VICTIM..."

YOU REALLY CAN'T AFFORD TO BE WITHOUT OUR SOCIETY'S PROTECTION, HARWOOD! ALL THE SUITS OF YOUR CUSTOMERS YOU GOT IN HERE... SOMEBODY'S JUST GOTTA ***PROTECT*** THEM!

PROTECT THEM? FROM WHAT?

SHOW HIM WHAT WE PROTECT THEM FROM, BULL!

SURE! YA TAKE THIS JACKET, FOR EXAMPLE! SEE HOW EASY IT GETS RIPPED OPEN? ***WE*** PROTECT YA FROM ***THAT!***

WE ALSO PROTECT YA FROM FIRE "OF MYSTERIOUS ORIGIN"! THEN THERE'S ACID TOSSED ON THE CLOTHES! THEY CAN CAUSE A LOT OF DAMAGE! ARE YA CONVINCED?
Y-YES... I'LL PAY! DON'T DAMAGE MY CUSTOMERS' CLOTHES! I'LL BE RUINED!
SMART MAN! MY BOYS WILL BE AROUND EVERY FRIDAY FOR THE FIFTY BUCKS!
"THE TRADESMEN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD USED TO HAVE A FRIENDLY WORD FOR ME, BUT SUDDENLY THEY SEEMED TO TAKE OFF WHEN I CAME INTO VIEW! I COULDN'T MAKE IT OUT, UNTIL ONE DAY I STOPPED YOUNG TONY GRANETTI ON THE STREET..."
HELLO, TONY! BEEN FIGHTING AGAIN, EH? IT SEEMS EVERY TIME I SEE YOU LATELY, YOU GOT A BLACK EYE OR A SWOLLEN MOUTH! HOW COME?
AW, WHAT'S THE USE OF TELLIN' YA? YA COULDN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT ANYWAY!
WELL, OF COURSE I CAN'T HELP YOU OUT IF YOU DON'T TELL ME WHAT'S TROUBLING YOU! SEEMS TO ME IT MIGHT BE THE SAME THING THAT'S TROUBLING YOUR POP! AM I RIGHT?
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT! OKAY, I'LL TELL YA! I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO ME...AS LONG AS I CAN HELP MY POP!
"THEN TONY TOLD ME THE WHOLE STORY, POURING OUT THE SORDID TALE AS THOUGH HE WOULD BURST FROM KEEPING IT LOCKED INSIDE HIM SO LONG!"
...AND IT'S BEEN GOING ON FOR MONTHS, NOW! MY POP'S GOTTA PAY A HUNDRED A WEEK IF HE WANTS TO STAY IN BUSINESS! BUT IT'S RUININ' HIM ANYWAY! AN' THE OTHER VICTIMS ARE NO BETTER OFF!
PROTECTION RACKETEERS! AND NONE OF THE SHOPKEEPERS HAD THE COURAGE TO SPEAK UP!
AND EVERY TIME YOU TRY TO GET BULL ATKINS OUT OF YOUR FATHER'S STORE, HE BEATS YOU UP, EH? YOU GOT PLENTY OF GUTS ANYWAY, TONY!
YEAH, BUT WHAT'S THE USE? BULL IS BUILT LIKE A GORILLA, AND JUST AS POWERFUL! HE COULD BREAK ME IN TWO IF HE WANTED TO!
TONY, IT SEEMS TO ME YOUR POP AND THE OTHERS WOULD FIND THEIR COURAGE AGAIN, IF SOMEONE SHOWED THEM THE WAY! WHEN THAT HOODLUM COMES TO YOUR STORE TO COLLECT NEXT WEEK, I THINK I'LL SORTA BE HANGING AROUND!
OKAY, POP. SHELL OUT WITH THE HUNDRED BUCKS! OR DO I HAVE TA GIVE JUNIOR A WORKIN' OVER AGAIN?
YOU'VE TAKEN YOUR LAST CENT FROM US, YA BUM! NOW BEAT IT!

"WHEN I STEPPED IN BETWEEN BULL AND YOUNG TONY, I WAS ALREADY TAKING OFF MY BADGE .

A COP! SO YA SQUEALED! WELL, I AIN'T PARTICULAR *WHO* I BEAT UP!

GLAD TO HEAR IT, BULL! HERE, TONY.. HOLD MY BADGE! FOR THE NEXT FEW MINUTES, I'M OFF DUTY".

"I TOOK OFF MY BLUE UNIFORM JACKET, BUT EVEN BEFORE I COULD TOSS IT ASIDE, BULL WAS SWINGING AT ME!

I'LL BREAK EVERY BONE IN YOUR BODY!

YOU GOT TO HIT ME FIRST, SCUM!

"I WAS SO BOILING MAD AT WHAT BULL HAD DONE TO THE POOR STORE-KEEPERS, THAT I CRACKED HIM WITH ALL THE POWER MY RIGHT HAND COULD MUSTER, AND HE WENT FLYING OUT THE FRONT WINDOW OF THE STORE!"

BREAK HIS JAW! KNOCK HIS TEETH OUT! CRIPPLE HIM! HE'S GOT IT COMIN'!

"BULL LANDED IN A PILE OF GARBAGE WHERE HE BELONGED, AND STAYED THERE UNTIL THE PATROL WAGON CAME TO HAUL HIM OFF TO HEADQUARTERS...

HERE'S YOUR BADGE AN' JACKET, OFFICER TRAVERS! GEE, YA SURE BEAT THE TAR OUT OF THE LUG! WE'LL NEVER FORGET WHAT YA DID FOR US!

IF YOU FOLKS REALLY WANT TO DO ME... AND YOURSELF... A FAVOR, YOU'LL COME TO COURT AND TESTIFY AGAINST THE RACKETEERS WHO'VE BEEN VICTIMIZING YOU! THEN WE CAN PUT THEM BEHIND BARS WHERE THEY BELONG!

BOY, WHAT A STORY! AND THAT'S THE GREATEST EXPERIENCE YOU HAD ON THE FORCE, EH, CHIEF?

THAT'S RIGHT! NOT ONLY BECAUSE I HAD BEATEN UP A BRUTAL MUSCLE MAN AND PUT HIM BEHIND BARS, BUT BECAUSE I GAVE THOSE FINE PEOPLE BACK THEIR COURAGE, AND THEIR HOPE! TONY AND HIS FATHER AND ALL THE OTHERS... THEY HAD THEIR SELF-RESPECT AGAIN!

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Bobby. He couldn't understand the kid's being mixed up with jewel thieves and fences. When he'd left Boston, five years ago, the kid had a good job working as a filing-clerk for an insurance company. And now this. Sometimes the lure of easy money, the get-rich-quick attitude, overran common sense, and it got nice kids like Bobby in trouble.

Could he bring his own brother in? What if there was gunplay and Bobby got hurt? Or worse, what if he had to shoot his own brother? Maybe if he offered Bobby a chance to get away. . . . He pushed the thought from his mind, and tightened his jaw. Bobby would have to pay the penalty that everyone else pays when they think they can get away with crime.

He stopped in front of room 908. Voices. He could hear Bobby's boyish tone.

"I tell you, Dutch," Bobby was saying, "I don't like the idea of giving the ice to this guy without getting any of the dough."

"It's okay, Bobby," said Dutch. "This guy is Knowles' boy. I can trust him."

"I still think you ought to give it to Knowles in person," said Bobby. "How do you know this character won't take it into his mind all of a sudden to go into business for himself. That's a lotta ice to be giving to stooges. Knowles ought to come here himself and pick it up."

"Maybe you're right, kid. You're a pretty smart geezer. I'm glad I met up with you. Hey, Farro! Get your boss on the phone and tell him I ain't giving the stuff to anyone but him, and if he's interested let him come over here and pick it up."

Farro called Knowles and told Dutch that his boss had agreed to come over in person.

This was a break, thought Reed. He could wait until Knowles got here, and catch them all in the act—red-handed. He tiptoed away from the door and went down the service stairway to the lobby. He could

call headquarters, and wait in the lobby until Knowles showed up. Then they could raid the joint.

Half a dozen plainclothesmen got there before Knowles. They checked into an empty room next to 908, and through the thin walls they could hear every word.

About a half an hour later Knowles arrived with three of his bodyguards they went into the room where Farro, Dutch and Bobby waited.

"Fifty-thousand dollars," said Knowles. "It's all there and you can count it. That's more than you'd ever get from any other fence in the country for the Van Houton's hot jewels."

At this point Reed gave the signal to crash into the room. O'Brien sent his two-hundred-and-eighty pound frame hurtling through the flimsy door.

"All right," he snarled. "Stick 'em up! It's the police."

"What is this?" snarled Knowles at Dutch and Bobby. "A frame?"

"What's going on?" complained Dutch.

"I warn you," said Reed, "that anything you say from now on may be used against you." He looked straight at Bobby. "You too, kid. Drop that gun or I'll shoot."

Bobby looked down at the gun he had drawn before the police had broken into the room. He was still surprised at the raid. Then he looked at Reed, and burst out laughing.

"What's so funny about getting caught red-handed in breaking the law?" Reed demanded.

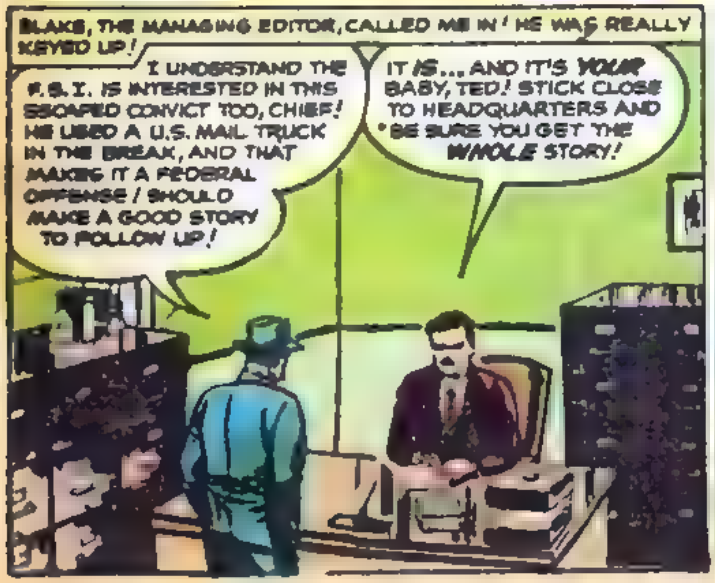
After a few seconds of hysterical laughter Bobby stopped. He pulled his wallet out of his pocket and said. "Here are my credentials. I'm a special insurance investigator now, and I was put on the Van Houton case. I was just about to bring these boys in, when you and your men raided us."

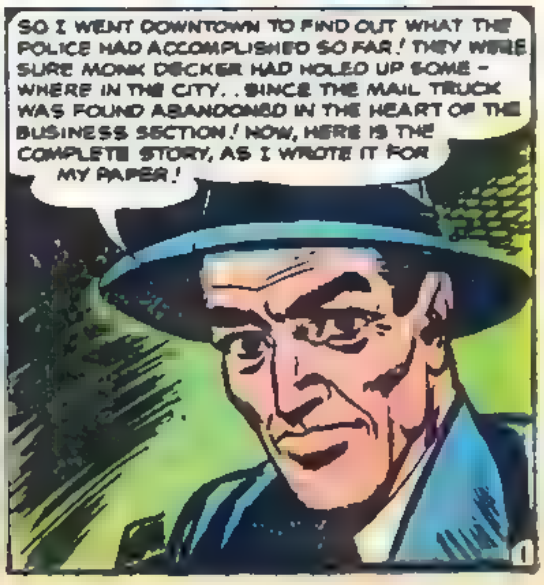
"Well, I'll be darned," Johnny said with great relief. "For a minute there I thought we were going to have a jailbird in the family."

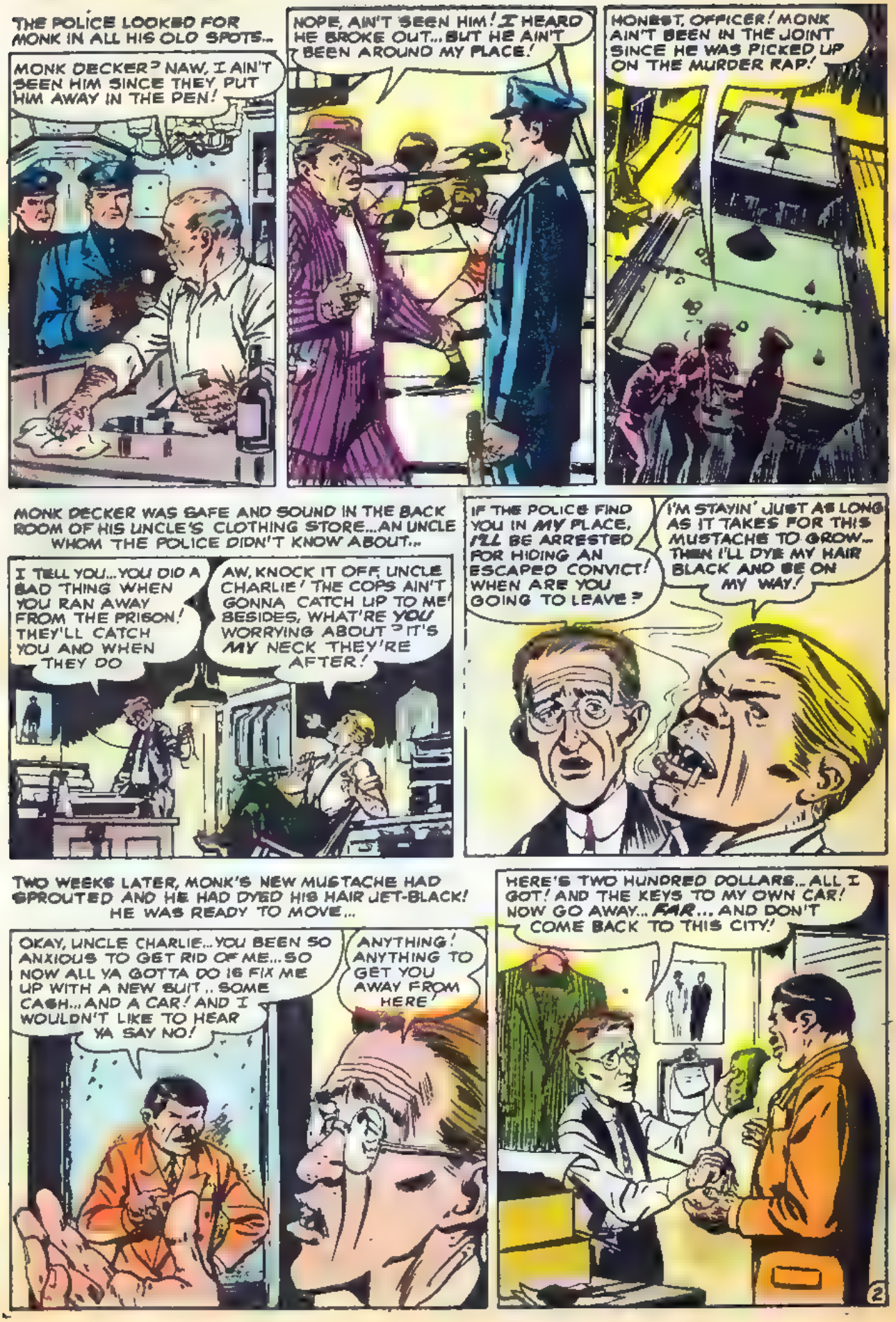
THE END

IT WAS THURSDAY, MARCH 18 TH! LIKE A THUNDERCLAP, THE NAME OF MONK DECKER BURST INTO THE HEADLINES OF AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS! FOR THE CONVICTED KILLER HAD ESCAPED FROM THE STATE PENITENTIARY... AND I WAS ASSIGNED TO COVER THE STORY! THIS PROMISED TO BE ONE OF THE BIGGEST ASSIGNMENTS OF MY CAREER, BECAUSE THE POLICE OFFICIALS WERE GIVEN ONE ORDER ONLY... TO BRING IN MONK DECKER...

DEAD OR ALIVE


BLAKE, THE MANAGING EDITOR, CALLED ME IN! HE WAS REALLY KEYED UP!
I UNDERSTAND THE F.B.I. IS INTERESTED IN THIS ESCAPED CONVICT TOO, CHIEF! HE USED A U.S. MAIL TRUCK IN THE BREAK, AND THAT MAKES IT A FEDERAL OFFENSE! SHOULD MAKE A GOOD STORY TO FOLLOW UP!
IT IS... AND IT'S YOUR BABY, TED! STICK CLOSE TO HEADQUARTERS AND BE SURE YOU GET THE WHOLE STORY!


SO I WENT DOWNTOWN TO FIND OUT WHAT THE POLICE HAD ACCOMPLISHED SO FAR! THEY WERE SURE MONK DECKER HAD HOLED UP SOME-WHERE IN THE CITY.. SINCE THE MAIL TRUCK WAS FOUND ABANDONED IN THE HEART OF THE BUSINESS SECTION! NOW, HERE IS THE COMPLETE STORY, AS I WROTE IT FOR MY PAPER!


THE POLICE LOOKED FOR MONK IN ALL HIS OLD SPOTS...
MONK DECKER? NAW, I AIN'T SEEN HIM SINCE THEY PUT HIM AWAY IN THE PEN!
NOPE, AIN'T SEEN HIM! I HEARD HE BROKE OUT... BUT HE AIN'T BEEN AROUND MY PLACE!
HONEST, OFFICER! MONK AIN'T BEEN IN THE JOINT SINCE HE WAS PICKED UP ON THE MURDER RAP!
MONK DECKER WAS SAFE AND SOUND IN THE BACK ROOM OF HIS UNCLE'S CLOTHING STORE...AN UNCLE WHOM THE POLICE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT...
I TELL YOU... YOU DID A BAD THING WHEN YOU RAN AWAY FROM THE PRISON! THEY'LL CATCH YOU AND WHEN THEY DO
AW, KNOCK IT OFF, UNCLE CHARLIE! THE COPS AIN'T GONNA CATCH UP TO ME! BESIDES, WHAT'RE YOU WORRYING ABOUT? IT'S MY NECK THEY'RE AFTER!
IF THE POLICE FIND YOU IN MY PLACE, I'LL BE ARRESTED FOR HIDING AN ESCAPED CONVICT! WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO LEAVE?
I'M STAYIN' JUST AS LONG AS IT TAKES FOR THIS MUSTACHE TO GROW... THEN I'LL DYE MY HAIR BLACK AND BE ON MY WAY!
TWO WEEKS LATER, MONK'S NEW MUSTACHE HAD SPROUTED AND HE HAD DYED HIS HAIR JET-BLACK! HE WAS READY TO MOVE...
OKAY, UNCLE CHARLIE... YOU BEEN SO ANXIOUS TO GET RID OF ME... SO NOW ALL YA GOTTA DO IS FIX ME UP WITH A NEW SUIT.. SOME CASH... AND A CAR! AND I WOULDN'T LIKE TO HEAR YA SAY NO!
ANYTHING! ANYTHING TO GET YOU AWAY FROM HERE
HERE'S TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS... ALL I GOT! AND THE KEYS TO MY OWN CAR! NOW GO AWAY... FAR... AND DON'T COME BACK TO THIS CITY!
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BUT MONK *DIDN'T* GO ANY FURTHER AWAY FROM THE CITY THAN A CHEAP HOTEL NEAR THE RAILROAD STATION' AND IN A FEW WEEKS, THE TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS HAD DWINDLED DOWN TO TWENTY..

BETWEEN THE RENT IN THIS CRUMMY DUMP AND THE MEALS THE PORTER'S BEEN BRINGIN' ME, MY DOUGH'S DISAPPEARED FAST' ONLY ONE WAY TO GET MORE! I GOTTA GET A *BIG STAKE* AND THEN SCRAM OUTTA THIS TOWN!

EARLY ONE EVENING, IN APRIL, 1934, MONK DECKER WENT BACK TO THE OLD ROUTINE THAT HAD LED TO THE PENITENTIARY IN THE FIRST PLACE...

THEY'RE A BEAUTIFUL SET OF PISTOLS, ALL RIGHT!

NOTICE THE DESIGN ON THIS ONE'

I'M NOT REALLY INTERESTED IN PRETTY DESIGNS,, OLD MAN'

WHO NEEDS FANCY PISTOLS? *THESE* ARE MORE PRACTICAL' AND A BOX OF CARTRIDGES, TOO' I'M IN LUCK!

BUT MONK'S LUCK WASN'T ALL ON THE GOOD SIDE' HE HAD LOADED THE GUNS AND STARTED TO EMPTY THE CASH REGISTER, WHEN...

WHA...? YOU KNOCKED OUT OLD MAN BERGER' YOU'RE A THIEF! YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS'

HELP! POLICE! HOLDUP! AGRHH!

BANG! BANG!

COPS' IF THEY NAB ME, I'LL FRY FOR SURE, WITH *ANOTHER* MURDER RAP ON THE RECORDS' BUT I AIN'T *EVER* GONNA LET THE *COPS* GET THEIR MITTS ON ME! I'M TOO SMART FOR 'EM'

MONK DECKER HAD TASTED THE FORBIDDEN FRUITS OF A SUCCESSFUL ROBBERY AND A BULLET-RIDDEN VICTIM, AND NOW HE WAS UNCONTROLLABLE! HE WENT ALL-OUT TO BUILD UP A FORTUNE IN A HURRY, WITH SOUTH AMERICA AS HIS EVENTUAL DESTINATION! AND THE POLICE HAD NOT YET LINKED MONK WITH THE DISGUISED RAMPAGING ROBBER-KILLER!

ALTHOUGH THE SEARCH WAS ON FOR MONK DECKER, HE HAD MANAGED TO ELUDE THE POLICE DURING SEVERAL WEEKS OF VIOLENCE AND BLOODSHED! THE POLICE WERE HOPING FOR JUST ONE "BREAK" AND IT CAME THE NIGHT THE KILLER HELD UP THE CASHIER OF A SWANK NIGHT CLUB.

OUTTA MY WAY, YA CRUMB!

HE JUST HELD US UP! WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP HIM?

HE WENT BY ME SO FAST... AND HE'S GOT A GUN! BUT I GOT THE LICENSE PLATE NUMBER OF HIS GETA-WAY CAR! I'LL CALL THE POLICE!

THE LICENSE NUMBER WAS TRACED TO CHARLIE BAKER, AND WHEN LT CARSTAIRS QUESTIONED HIM, THE BEWILDERED MAN BROKE DOWN AND CONFESSED EVERY-THING...

YES, IT WAS MY NEPHEW MONK DECKER, ALL RIGHT! HE FORCED ME TO HIDE HIM. THEN HE TOOK MY CAR! I HOPED HE WOULD GO *FAR* AWAY! HE GREW A MUSTACHE AND DYED HIS HAIR..

THE CALL WENT OUT!

CALLING ALL CARS! BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR PRISON FUGITIVE, MONK DECKER... FIVE FEET TEN INCHES TALL... HAIR DYED BLACK. SMALL MUSTACHE. THIS MAN IS WANTED FOR MURDER! HE IS ARMED AND CONSIDERED DANGEROUS! BRING HIM IN.. *DEAD OR ALIVE!* KILLER MAY BE DRIVING SMALL COUPE.. LICENSE NUMBER V-237M!

MONK GOT THE ORDER ON HIS CAPTURE THE SAME TIME THE RADIO POLICE PATROL HEARD IT...

KILLER MAY BE DRIVING SMALL COUPE.. LICENSE NUMBER V-237M!

HEY! LOOK! THERE'S THE COUPE! GIVE H.Q THE WORD AND LET'S GET AFTER HIM!

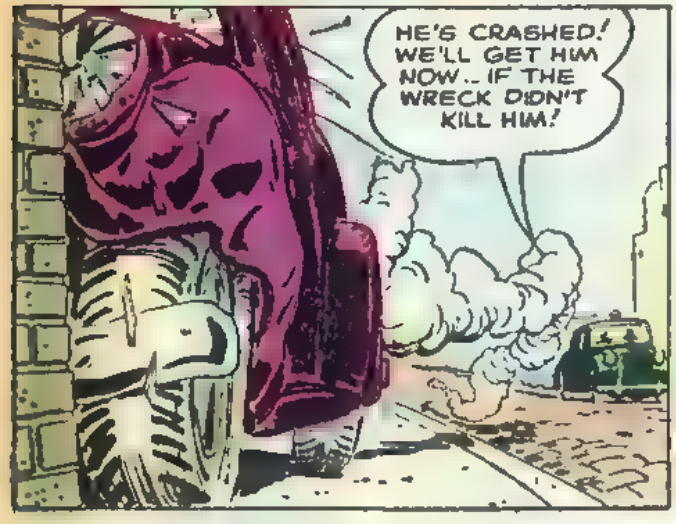
THEY'RE ON TO ME NOW! GOTTA DITCH THIS WAGON!

POLICE

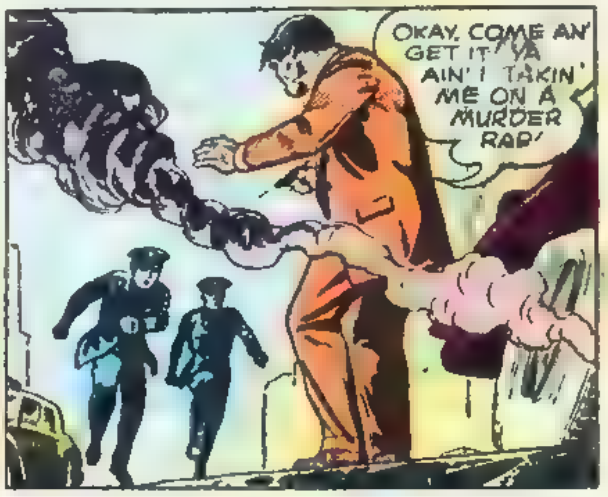
AFTER CONTACTING HEADQUARTERS, THE POLICE CAR SPED IN PURSUIT OF THE FUGITIVE...

CAN'T SHOOT IT OUT WITH HIM HERE! TOO MANY PEOPLE... MIGHT HIT ONE OF THEM!

MONK WAS DRIVING AT SUCH TREMENDOUS SPEED THAT HE LOST CONTROL OF HIS CAR, JUMPED THE CURB, AND..



BUT MONK HAD GOTTEN AWAY WITH ONLY SOME SCRATCHES AND BRUISES! STILL DEFIANT, HE CAME OUT OF THE WRECKAGE WITH HIS GUN BLAZING..



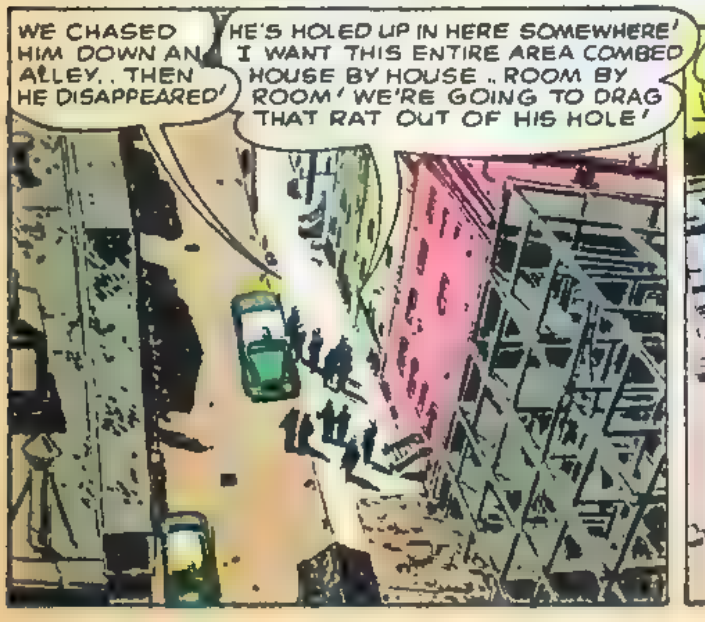
THE TWO POLICEMEN WERE IN CLOSE PURSUIT, AS MONK DECKER FLED UP A SIDE ALLEY...

THEN UP THE FIRE-ESCAPE OF ONE OF THE BUILDINGS...

ACROSS THE ADJOINING ROOF TOPS...

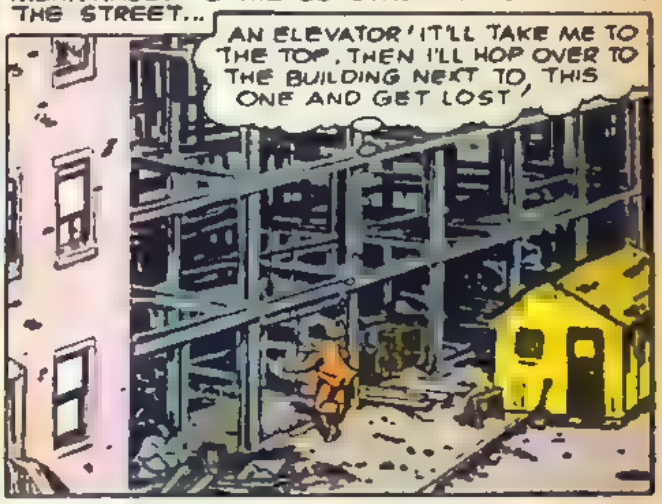
AND THRU THE WINDOW OF AN EMPTY APARTMENT ON THE TOP FLOOR OF A CONDEMNED TENEMENT HOUSE..

MEANWHILE, IN RESPONSE TO THE URGENT CALL BY THE PATROL CAR, LT CARSTAIRS AND OTHER POLICEMEN CONVERGED ON THE AREA...

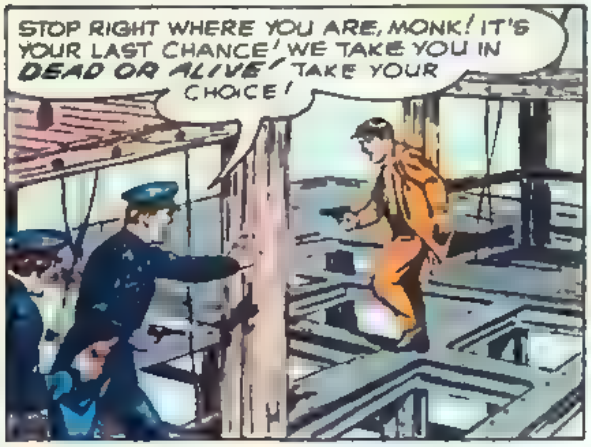

WE CHASED HIM DOWN AN ALLEY.. THEN HE DISAPPEARED!
HE'S HOLED UP IN HERE SOMEWHERE! I WANT THIS ENTIRE AREA COMBED HOUSE BY HOUSE.. ROOM BY ROOM! WE'RE GOING TO DRAG THAT RAT OUT OF HIS HOLE!

MONK HEARD THE COMMOTION AND KNEW THE POLICE WERE SEARCHING THE HOUSES! IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY GOT TO HIS HIDING PLACE..

MONK RACED TO THE CONSTRUCTION SITE ACROSS THE STREET...



BUT MONK HAD NOT RECKONED WITH THE SPEED AND TENACITY OF THE POLICE! THEY REACHED THE TOP OF THE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION ALMOST AS SOON AS *HE* DID...



THEY HAD THEIR ORDERS *DEAD OR ALIVE!* AND MONK DECKER HAD MADE HIS CHOICE...

THE KILL-CRAZY FUGITIVE'S BODY PLUMMETED FROM THE HEIGHTS OF THE STEEL FRAMEWORK TO THE GROUND BELOW...

IT WAS THE WAY HE *HAD* TO END UP! HE WAS ROTTEN TO THE CORE.. A DANGEROUS THREAT TO THE COMMUNITY! MONK DECKER'S PATH OF CRIME *HAD* TO STOP HERE.. AT A *DEAD END!*
THE END

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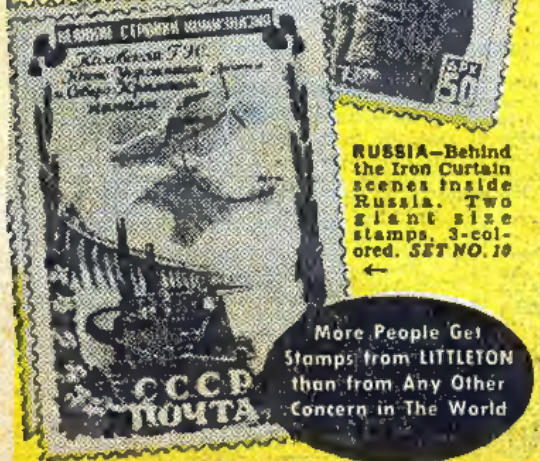

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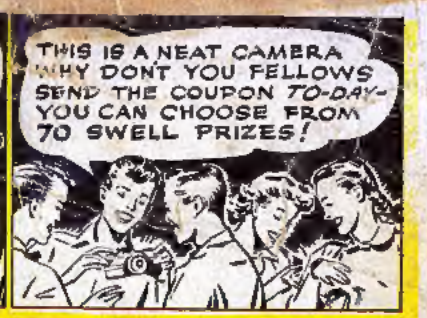

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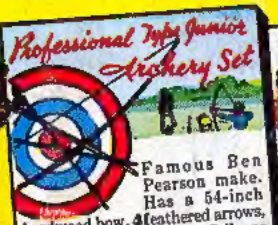

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